

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : Hon. Stanley R. Chesler
v. : Crim. No. 11-516
LAVAR BELLFIELD : ORDER FOR CONTINUANCE

This matter having come before the Court on the joint application of Paul J. Fishman, United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey (Fabiana Pierre-Louis, Assistant U.S. Attorney, appearing), and defendant Lavar Bellfield (Donald McCauley, Assistant Federal Public Defender, appearing), for an order granting a continuance of the proceedings in the above-captioned matter, and the defendant being aware that he has the right to have the matter brought to trial within 70 days of the date of his appearance before a judicial officer of this court pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 3161(c)(1), and as the defendant has consented to such a continuance, and for good and sufficient cause shown,

IT IS THE FINDING OF THIS COURT that this action should be continued for the following reasons:

(1) Plea negotiations are currently in progress, and both the United States and the defendant desire additional time to negotiate a plea agreement, which would render any grand jury proceedings and any subsequent trial of this matter unnecessary; and

(2) As a result of the foregoing, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 3161(h)(7), the ends of justice served by granting the continuance outweigh the best interest of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial.

IT IS, therefore, on this 23rd day of February 2012,


ORDERED that this action be, and hereby is, continued until May 21, 2012; and it is further

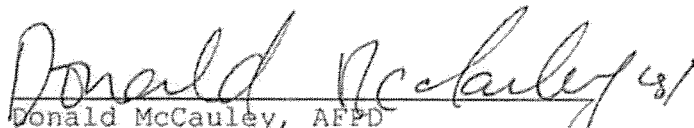
ORDERED that the period from the date of this order through and including May 21, 2012 shall be excludable in computing time under the Speedy Trial Act of 1974.

*Motions May 7, 2012 at 10:00 am
Trial - May 15, 2012 at 10:00 am*


HONORABLE STANLEY R. CHESLER
United States District Judge

Form and entry
consented to:


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